

Feb '15

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

QUILTING SISTAH NEWS

African American Quilt Guild of Oakland



Come Celebrate African American History Month

With the

African American Quilt Guild of Oakland

www.aaqgo.org

The public is invited to our Annual Free Demonstration
and Family Workshop

Supplies will be provided so you can make your own quilt block

Fun for the entire family.

Prizes

Saturday February 28, 2015

1 to 4 p.m.

West Oakland Branch Library

1801 Adeline Street Oakland Ca



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Meeting Reminders

- * Be on-time * Sign-in and pick-up new info at the table
- * Wear your name tag
- * Turn in your BOM
- * Turn in a worthy cause quilt or pillowcase
- * Bring your 2 minute show and tell
- * Bring Library donations or buy something good!
- * No Perfumes or scented lotion
- * Please help put the chairs away and restore the room to the way we found it.

**Our Guild Meeting is the
4th Saturday each Month**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Saturday, February 28, 2015, we will celebrate Black History Month at our annual Black History Month Family Workshop. Guild Members will teach our guests "how to quilt" through making a 9-patch quilt block. This program is a cornerstone of our Guild - educating others on the significance of African American quilting. Be sure to mark your calendars. Come and share your quilting talents.

The next phase of our Quilt Show, *Bringing Neighborhoods Together: Quilts Around Oakland*, is upon us. During this phase in our project we will be conducting neighborhood quilt workshops throughout Oakland. More information will be shared in future newsletter articles regarding the workshops and quilts displays in 2016.

What were your quilting new year's resolutions? Some of the resolutions I have heard about are as follows: dusting off my sewing machine and sewing with it; taking the clothes off my machine; not buying any more fabric and using what is in my stash; finding a new quilt pattern; organizing my quilting area; working on my exhibit quilt; counting my threads; buying more organizing gizmos, etc. . . Are any of these resolutions yours? Hurry up and chose!

In the coming months, I look forward to meeting you at one of our meetings. In the meantime sew up a storm and create beautiful works of comfort and joy.

Blessings,

Marie





San Jose Museum of
**Quilts &
Textiles**

create

explore

experience

You're invited to a special sneak peek



Detail from *Revelation* by Natasha Kempers-Cullen

The San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles

Presents Fiber Sunday in Oakland

Join fellow East Bay fiber enthusiasts to see and learn more about recent acquisitions including quilts by Michael James and Libby Lehman, tapestries by Mark Adams, and more.

Shown by Curator of Collections Nancy Bavor

Enjoy the art, a Quiltini (the Museum's signature drink) and refreshments.

Sunday, March 8, 2015 2pm - 4pm

The event will be held in a beautiful bay view Oakland home, address will be provided one week prior to event

Please RSVP to Debbie Aguirre at
408.971.0323 or debbie@sjquiltmuseum.org
by February 23, 2015

Guild Member BUZZ!



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS



Our positive thoughts and prayers to all members and their families facing health challenges.

Congratulations to **Marion Coleman** and **Ora Clay** who were awarded an ACTA Grant for the category of Master Quilter and Apprentice.



Congratulations to **Norma Mason** on her recent retirement.

Glad to see **Dolores Presley** up and about after foot surgery.

Birthdays!

February

Joy Johnson
K'Ren Martin
Renea Rambo

March

Helen Anderson

April

Loretta Cohen
Amal Johnson
Benita Jones
Elizabeth King-Kano
Heidi Patrick
Dolores Vitero Presley
Sandra Sweeting-Hall
Katie Wishom



LOCAL EVENTS

November 15, 2014 - March 1, 2015

Antique Ohio Amish Quilts San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles

San Jose, CA
www.sjqiltmuseum.org
408.971.0323

January 24 - April 4

WWII Home Front Quilts Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum

Vallejo, CA
www.vallejomuseum.org

February 19 - 22, 2015

Stitchers West Knitter Conference

Santa Clara Convention Center
Santa Clara, CA

February 25 - April 11

Member Fabric Show Hayward Arts Council Foothill Gallery

Hayward, CA
HACmail@haywardarts.org
Reception March

March 7 - 8

Annual Sonoma Quilt Show

Sonoma, CA
www.sonomaquilts.webs.com
707.938.7312

March 25 - August 2.

Celebrating Black Life, History and Culture: Russell City Stories, Quilts by Marion Coleman

Hayward Area Historical Society
Hayward, CA
510.581.0223
www.haywardareahistory.org

March 14 - 15, 2015

40 Years of Quilted Memories Quilt Show

Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association
San Clara Convention Center
Santa Clara, CA 95654
www.scvqa.org

March 20 - 21

Quilt San Francisco San Francisco Quilters' Guild

St Mary's Cathedral Event Center
San Francisco, CA
<http://www.sfquiltersguild.org/>

March 28 - 29, 2015

Foothill Quilters Show Gold Country Fairgrounds Auburn, CA

April 11 - 12

Dancing with the Stars

Guild of Quilters of Contra Costa County Centre Concord Clayton, CA

May 2 - 3, 2015

Carquinez Strait Stitchers Quilt Show

The Historic Clock Tower Benecia, CA

June 5 - 6, 2015

Contemporary Crafts Market

Pasadena Convention Center
Pasadena, CA

For free pass:

http://www.craftsource.org/free_pass.htm



TRIP TO THE HOMELAND – CAPE TOWN & ZIMBABWE

We walked in the footsteps of giants as we toured the southern tip of Africa and Robben Island. The beauty of the landscape is remarkable. The scenery near our hotel in Cape Town reminded me of New Orleans. The opportunity to see the southern Atlantic and Indian Oceans is a memory of a lifetime.



Marion Coleman & Pat Turner at Cape of Good Hope

Ostrich at Cape of Good Hope

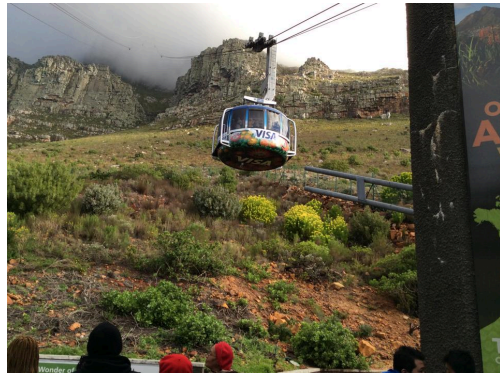
Cape of Good Hope is the southernmost point on the African continent.

The long and winding road to the top of the Table Mountain is breathtaking. Riding the cable car to the very top of the Mountain was quite an experience as the gondola rotates as it ascends the mountain.



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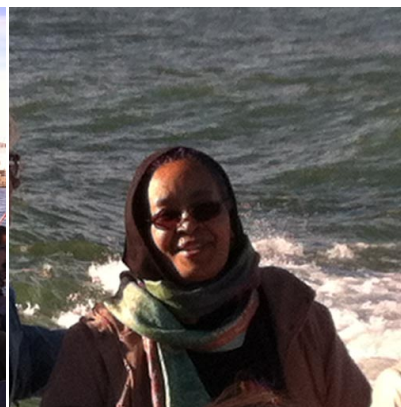
Visiting Robben Island and hearing the stories told by our guide made us all realize how determined and courageous these men were. Some were imprisoned as criminals and terrorists and soon were changed and influenced by the political prisoners such as Nelson Mandela. All of the tour guides are former prisoners. Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life in prison in 1964. He was in Robben Island from 1964 to 1982. He was also imprisoned at Pollsmoor Prison from 1982-1988 and Victor Vester Prison from 1988 until his release in 1990.



Ferry Terminal entrance poster



View of Table Mountain from ferry going to Robben Island



Helen Anderson on Robben Island ferry



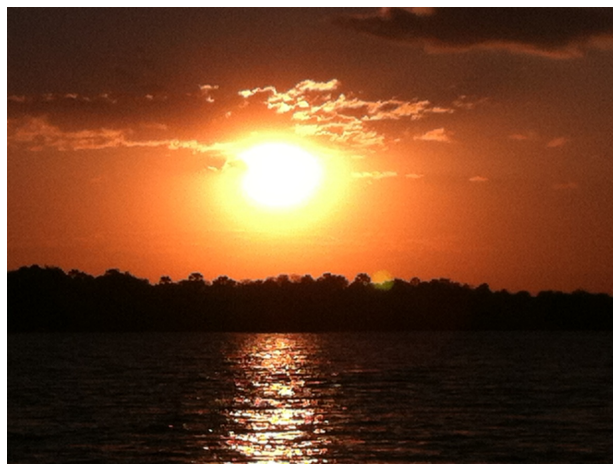
Well at entrance to Robben Island



Prison buildings, sleeping quarters and exercise yard



After touring Cape Town, some of us took separate tours. Karla Robinson and I went to Zimbabwe to see Victoria Falls. The falls is really a series of falls and it took us over an hour to walk the trail. These are a few photo highlights of the side trip.



Zambezi River sunset on our first night in Victoria Falls



Karla Robinson, Marion Coleman and our elephant handler





So the adventure closed with a final city tour and a great view of this big tree. We met so many beautiful and interesting people and saw some beautiful and varied terrain. Visit if you get a chance and have your own stories to tell.

Marion Coleman



Who is who? and what is what?

2014 - 2016 Officers and Board Members	
President	Marie dePorres Taylor
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Education	Deborah Salmon
Exhibits	Julia Vitero
Library	Shyrrl Spann-Hancock
Membership	Nickcolyer Hills
Newsletter	Dolores Vitero Presley
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Opportunity Quilt	Teri Green
Publicity	Vacant
Quilt Show	Marion Coleman
Sunshine	Nell Mays
Website	Ann Seals
Worthy Causes	Jackie Clemons-Dorsey



The problems of a two-quilter household.

Officers and Board Members
can be reached at:
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MEMBERSHIP:

Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the purpose and objectives of this Guild, and payment of annual dues. No discrimination shall be made with regard to race, color, creed, or national origin.

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